Names of Attendees: Wendy White (Chair), Matthew Taylor (Vice Chair), Melanie Abley, Emelia Adator, Jeremy Adler, Salman Aldosari, Abdulaziz Alhajeri, Sulaiman Alsajir, Ahmed Almessabi, Abdullah Almulhim, Abdulaziz Alzimami, Abdur Amin, Hany Anany, Martin Appelt, Terrance Arthur, Stan Bailey, Daniel Bair, Mikio Bakke, S. (Bala) Balamurugan, Kristina Barlow, Wendy Bedale, Siham Benribague, Angela Bernoski, Mark Berrang, Roy Biggs, Yige Bima, Preetha Biswas, Betsy Booren, Mick Bosilevac, Alex Brandt, Meikle Brewner, Shannon Bullard, Daniela Buosi, Dennis Burson, John Mark Carter, Anindy A Chanda, William Chaney, Peter Cook, Roger Cook, Sally Crowley, Maeve Cushe, Carl Custer, Thomas Danisavich, Taylor Davedow, Ken Davenport, Nicola Dermer, Jim Dickson, Vincent D Nicolaos, Martin Duplessis, Denise Eilen, Alejandro Echeverry, April Englishby, Emilio Esteban, Glen Feller, Tracy Fink, Savannah Forgy, Gregory Fridman, Laura Garner, Mary Garner, Randolph Garrett, Beilei Ge, Kerri Gehring, Ifigenia Geornaras, Kathleen Glass, Charles Grant, Nancy Gushing, Miguel Gutierrez, Rodiney Hammons, Margaret Hardin, Upasana Hariram, Jim Heemstra, Joe Heinzelmann, Craig Henry, Deborah Henry, Ian Hildebrand, Garth Hoffmann, Clint Holsomback, Joe Holt, Katy Holzer, Stevie Hretz, Richard Huang, David Ispidores, John Jarosh, Ian Jenson, Thomas Junillon, Bernice Kartlon Senaye, Suwimon Keeratipibul, Pete Kennedy, Larry Kohl, Mark Kreul, Craig Ledbetter, Wan Mei Leong, Quanhong Li, Carin Lingle, John Marcy, Carolina Mariano Ferraz, Bradley Marks, Barb Masters, Karl Matthews, Kathryn McCullough, Tammy McFate, Michael Michel, Nathan Miller, Rong Murphy, Tg Nagaraja, Claudia Narvaez, Shivasharanappa Nayakvadi, Hung Nguyen-Viet, George-John Nychas, Kathleen O'Donnell, Adeniyi Odugbemi, Yemi Ogunrinola, Andy Pointon, Brian Poon, Brian Poon, Bill Potter, Jerry Reeves, Nuno Reis, Michael Roberson, Robert Roe, Edwin Roman Rivera, Amreeta Sarjil, Deborah Sattely, Jason Scheffler, kristin Schill, Melissa Schlab, John Schmidt, Kristin Scott, Dennis Seman, Manoj Shah, Subash Shrestha, Manpreet Singh, Shreya Singh Hamal, Thierry Sofia, Erika Stapp Kamotani, Tyler Stephens, Christine Stroh, Meredith Sutko, Katie Swanson, Christy Swoboda, Theresa Thompson, Anna Townsend, Brian Umberson, Constanza Vergara, Roberta Wagner, Morgan Wallace, Xue (Caroline) Wang, Florence Wu, Shuang Wu, Season Xie, Crystal Yang, and Yifan Zhang.

Number of Attendees: 152.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:02 a.m., Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Anna Townsend, Student Liaison.

Introductions: Betsy Boren, Past Chair, opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. ET with a welcome. She then asked for a motion to approve the 2018 Meat & Poultry PDG meeting minutes; motion was moved by Matt Taylor and seconded by Ken Davenport; motion passed.

Wendy White, Chair, thanked Betsy for her service and reviewed the agenda. She then made introductions for Matt Taylor, incoming Vice Chair, and Anna Townsend, Student Liaison. Afterwards, the microphone was passed around the room for the attendees to introduce themselves. Wendy read updates on behalf of the IAFP Executive Board. Notable was the fact that webinars will now be complementary without need of a sponsor.

Guest Speakers:
- Betsy Boren, Past Chair, introduced our speakers, Denise Eilen and Roberta Wagner for the FSIS Regulatory Update.

Denise Eilen, Assistant Administrator – Office of Public Health Sciences.

Two key points/roles:
1. Modernization (focusing on research and new technologies to guide food safety regulation).
2. Sampling and Testing.

FSIS’s has finalized their selection for pathogen testing platforms. Final decision: 3M’s Molecular Detection System for Salmonella and Listeria monocytogenes, Bio-Rad’s iQ Check PCR for E. coli STECs, and Hygiena BAX for Campylobacter. There have been no changes to cultural confirmation testing.

In 2019, FSIS began to rely more heavily on WGS compared to PFGE.

There have also been updates on food chemistry testing by adding arsenic and updates on dyes in catfish.

Roberta Wagner, Assistant Administrator – Office of Program & Policy Development.

FSIS Policy Regulatory Agendas are available in the spring and fall www.reginfo.gov.
- Will begin accrediting non-federal labs for pathogen detection (new); currently only do chemistry.
- Several new regulations and guidance documents will be released by year’s end (movement of adulterated/misbranded products, generic labeling update, modernization of swine and egg inspection, update on uninspected animal food production, etc.).
- There are several guidance documents scheduled to be released soon, including updates to Appendix A & B.

Review of performance standards and recent agency testing results:
- Chicken and turkey product performance standards for Salmonella and Campylobacter testing. There are plans to revise the Campylobacter standards for commuted chicken and turkey products in a few months.
  - Last year, FSIS introduced a new method of Campylobacter testing utilizing buffered peptone water. This practice was halted after inconsistent recovery was observed and testing returned to the original enrichment method.
  - Salmonella Performance Standards: Raw Poultry.
    - Chicken Carcasses: 13.9% Cat 3.
    - Turkey Carcasses: 0.0% Cat 3.
Chicken Parts: 14.8% Cat 3.
Comminuted Chicken Parts:
34.6% Cat 3.
Comminuted Turkey Products:
46.5% Cat 3.
May 27, 2018 – May25, 2019 (52 week window).

• Non-Categorized Establishments by Product Class.
Chicken Parts: 38.66%.
Comminuted Chicken: 29.73%.
Comminuted Turkey: 23.21%.
Chicken Carcasses: 8.33%.
Turkey Carcasses: 17.39%.
Chicken parts: Non-categorized establishments represent only 3.2% of total
U.S. parts production.

• Ground beef and trim performance standard testing. Plans to institute Salmonella performance standards for raw, ground beef
before year’s end.

• Raw Pork Products Study Results.
  • 4,014 Samples collected 2017–2018: 3 product groups (intact, non-intact bone-in, boneless, comminuted). Tested for
Salmonella, APC, generic E. coli. Subset (n = 1395) tested for STEC.
  • Salmonella.
    Commminuted: 21.2% (1796).
    Intact: 8.3% (1170).
    Non-Intact: 6.5%.
    Total: 13.6%.
  • STEC (n = 1395).
    Commminuted: 3 positive/1395. 2: O103, 1: O157.

  • Future expansion of E. coli non:H7 STEC testing in ground beef planned. Will release notice and take comments in next few
months.

Old Business: None.


Recommendations to the Executive Board:
1. Approve Matt Taylor as Vice Chair.

Next Meeting Date: August 2–5, 2020, Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:37 a.m.

Chairperson Name: Wendy White.